

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

August 31, 1999

FROM: EDOUARD P. LAYAYE, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer
Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures

**SUBJECT: WEIGHMASTER INSPECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT
OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE - STATE CONTRACT NO. 99-0366**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve agreement with the State Department of Food and Agriculture, Division of Measurement Standards, whereby the Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures will conduct weighmaster inspections and audits on behalf of the State from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2004, for compensation in the amount of \$47,250.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Weighmaster inspections have been a part of the County's weights and measures inspection program for many years. In FY 1994/95, the State Department of Food and Agriculture, Division of Measurement Standards, began providing funding to the counties for inspections and audits of weighmasters by distributing excess weighmaster license revenue for initial audit and related inspections. In compensation for these services, the State reimburses the counties at rates up to \$75 depending on the type of inspection performed. These amounts are unchanged from the prior year and covers the Department's inspection costs.

The existing agreement expired June 30, 1999, and the State desires to renew the agreement in order to maintain current levels of inspection by the counties. It was prepared by the State after the initiation date due to State delays in initiating and processing. This agreement provides funding of \$9,450 for each fiscal year for audit inspections, tare weight verifications, follow-up inspections and undercover sales at weighmaster locations in San Bernardino County.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This agreement was reviewed and approved as to legal form by Deputy County Counsel, Susan L. Nash, on August 13, 1999 and reviewed by County Counsel on behalf of Risk Management.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Appropriations to perform this activity and revenue from this agreement were included in the Department's FY 1999/00 budget.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: EDOUARD P. LAYAYE, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer, Ext. 2115.

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